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Pius XII, our new Pope, who, in his first Easter Message, to the world, made a plea for world peace and friendship.

## THE FIRST INDIAN COLUMBUS CLUB

Early in the year 1938, in an effort to outline a Catholic organization for the men of our reserve, it was decided to found a Knights of Columbus Club which would be affiliated to the Fort Frances Knights of Columbus Council No. 2766. This seems to have been the best solution since some of our Indians had been Knights of Columbus for many years. Rev. F. V. de Varennes, at that time pastor of our church, is in great part responsible for this initiative. However, we might say that our Columbus Mission Club of today has developed out of the first club room of the reserve, built by the very hands of Rev. F. M. de Bretagne, pastor of our church from the year 1934 to the year 1936. The Grand Knight, Mr. Fred Larocque, and the other officers of the town Council, were very much in favor of the new foundation.

On February 8, 1938, a meeting presided over by Mr. Frank Hart, past Grand Knight, was held in our club room to elect the officers of the new

club. Rev. F. V. deVarennes, O.M.I., was elected chaplain of the club, Louis Bruyere president, Augustine Mainville vice-president, Eddy Bruyere secretary-treasurer, Charles Bruyere warden and Alfred Bruyere lecturer. The club started with a membership of eight. At the present time, after a little more than a year, the number has been raised to eighteen.

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### Social Progress.

The "Indian Missionary Record", in one of its recent issues, published an article suggesting that clubs or societies be formed on the different reserves. We are glad to say that our one year experience has proven successful. We have met with difficulties but we are confident that the foundation of our club has marked a step forward on the path of social progress on the reserve.

The special aim of our Club, besides providing our men with the benefit of a Catholic organization on the reserve, is to help the church and to promote the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people of the reserve. Regular and well attended meetings are held in the club room every two weeks. These meetings, with the president in the chair, are held conformably to all the rules of the Order. The Rev. Father Chaplain is often present. The activities of the Knights depend for a good part on the support, the direction and the advice of the Father Chaplain. It must be said, however, that each member finds in the club an opportunity to try his initiative and to express his opinions in the thorough and somewhat lengthy discussions brought up on all matters presented. Besides their own meetings, our Knights are admitted at the meetings of the two neighbouring Councils of Fort Frances and International Falls. Occasionally also a visit to a K. of C. gathering in a more distant town brings about an agreeable and instructive distraction. In this connection it will be interesting to mention a trip to Eveleth, Minn., where our Indian Knights received a warm welcome from the local K. of C. Council. Another advantage pertaining to the K. of C. membership is the optional insurance offered to the members on terms lower than the usual insurance fees.

(To be continued)



## HUDSON BAY—THE FIRST LOAF OF BREAD

"This is the first time since the Creation of the World that bread is eaten at Pelly Bay!" Such was the joyous exclamation uttered by Fr. Henry, O.M.I., missionary to the Hudson Bay Eskimos, as he drew from his pouch a jack-knife to cut off a slice of bread brought to his table by Bishop Clabaut, O.M.I., who flew by plane with Fr. Schulte, O.M.I., from Repulse Bay with the precious loaf and fresh butter, extraordinary delicacies on their daily menu of fish served at every meal to the little community of Pelly Bay.

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## EDITORIAL

### — ATTENTION, READERS! —

Beginning with the next issue, June 1939, we will introduce more news in our Indian monthly. We wish to publish whatever news is of interest to all our readers. We need a more instructive miniature magazine. Until further notice, we will not be able to publish verbatim the chronicles supplied to us by the different schools: we do not have sufficient space to do that. We hope eventually to increase our paper to 12 pages if we receive the co-operation of all our subscribers. We intend to continue our serials such as Indian Religion, Kinebikons, but we intend to group together under special headings the sport, school, and club news; and we will endeavour to introduce new features. We invite your commentary, favorable or otherwise, on this change, and also on the various editorials published recently. We were well pleased and encouraged by the hearty words of appreciation given to us by Inspector Dr. Th. Robertson on last month's editorial: "Vocational Training in the Schools."

—The Editor.

## HOMEMAKERS' CLUBS

In a meeting of Indian Agents held at Regina, interesting reports were presented on the excellent work done by school teachers and farming instructors' wives, in behalf of the Indian women. On several Reservations the Indian women of Saskatchewan have been organized, at the suggestion of Inspector Dr. Th. Robertson, into Homemakers' Clubs.

The purpose of these clubs is to interest the Indian woman in bettering her home. Sewing, weaving, spinning of wool, canning and cooking have been given a new impetus. The Indian women are encouraged in every possible way to improve the cleanliness and economic standing of their homes. Help is being given by the officers of the Indian Department; progressive bands have voted funds. The Indian women have responded with enthusiasm, and a new era in the home life on the Indian Reservations has dawned.

I would like to mention especially the good work done so devotedly by Mrs. F. Dodd of Muscowpetung Reserve, of Mrs. Morrison of White Bear Reserve at Carlyle, Sask., and of Miss Hudson, teacher of the Assiniboine day-school at Sintaluta, Sask. They have done splendid welfare work in their respective fields of action.

The scope of the Homemakers' Club is not limited to improving the home but also tends to encourage individual and club gardens. It also

has a great social value: Club members organize entertainments, such as Christmas Tree parties, etc. The value of the social influence of the woman on the Reservation must not be underestimated. The creation of Homemakers' Clubs is a potent factor in bringing the Indian woman to a higher responsibility and dignity.

G. Laviolette, O.M.I.

## SANDY BAY

### Kateri Tekakwita Club.

Answering the call of Rev. Fr. Comeau, we were glad to join as members of the Kateri Tekakwita Club, and we held our first meeting at the School on February 25th. After an introductory prayer and hymn, Father spoke in English and in Indian to explain the aims of the club. The aims of the club as outlined by Fr. Comeau are: First, to protect ourselves against the dangers that await the graduates of Boarding Schools on their discharge. Second, to keep in contact with those who have contributed to our education, and thus be able to continue the important work of our formation. Third, to co-operate with the priest, by our prayers, work and good example, in restoring Christian life and prosperity on the reserves.

That day we spent sewing, knitting and crocheting articles for a bazaar to be held in June. As many were not present, we decided to meet again the next day to elect officers. Lucy Robinson was chosen President, Doris Starr Vice-president, Bertha and Helen Roulette, councillors. The President addressed a few words of thanks for the confidence shown her, and promised to do her best to help the interest of the club.

The following Friday being first Friday of the month, our Director suggested that the members should profit of the opportunity to begin the series of nine Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart. We enjoyed the rest of the afternoon by attending a picture show and playing other games.

The work is started, let us hope our club will prosper. It has already brought good results; many of us were congratulated for our promptness in answering the desire of our Director in receiving Holy Communion on the first Friday of March. Some walked many miles not to miss this opportunity, and brought members of their families with them.

We have at heart to imitate the virtues of our Patron: the Lily of the Mohawks, Catherine Tekakwita.

Rose-Anne Mousseau, Secretary.

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### A Polite Blind Man.

I am not very big but there is something that I can do. I can tell stories. Once a blind man was walking along the road, and bumped into an old black and white cow. "Oh, excuse me, Madam," he said, as he kept walking on.

Norbert Beaulieu, Gr. I.

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Last Friday, we had a little meeting. Someone put an ugly mask on me and made me jig. You can imagine the fun the others had. Some of our parents were in the hall. But I was not shy as they couldn't see my face.

Johnny Roulette, Gr. II.





#### CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Mon. May 1—St. Philip and St. James, Apostles.  
 Wed. May 3—The Finding of the Holy Cross.  
 Sun. May 7—4th Sunday, after Easter.  
 Mon. May 8—Apparition of St. Michael.  
 Sun. May 14—5th Sunday after Easter.  
 Thu. May 18—Ascension of Christ into Heaven.  
 Sun. May 21—Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension.  
 Sun. May 28—Pentecost.

May is the month of devotions to the Blessed Virgin. Let us pray every day to Mary in Heaven that she may help us in our trials and ease our passing on earth.

Thursday, May 18th, is Ascension day. On this day, Christ left his Apostles and returned to Heaven, whence He came. This is a feast of Obligation.

Sunday, May 28th, is Pentecost. On this day, the Holy Ghost came down on the Apostles, as Christ had promised before he ascended into Heaven.

## KINEBIKONS

### CHAPTER XII.

Three hours of hard paddling brought Lucy to her new abode, a little log cabin, standing out all alone on a point reaching far out into the lake. Water surrounded all the place; a few pine trees stood in the front of the cabin, while a grove of green poplars were seen in the background.

Lucy did not disdain her new home at first; she found it very nice and snug; she liked its surroundings very much, the view of the lake and the shadowy pines pleased her. But her impressions changed when she entered the little shanty. The furniture and other household ef-

fects were very few. In one corner stood a bed with a lone blanket.

Lucy's heart nearly broke; she looked at her trunk and quickly recovered. She knew what it contained. After this excitement, her first move was to get a broom; she found one hanging behind the door. She cleaned the house before cooking her first family meal. Many things left over from the wedding feast had been put in her baggage. Many fond memories did these things recall to her.

Johnny and Lucy settled down and led a happy life. He was busy trapping and fishing and the young couple always had plenty of food and money. Johnny's fishing net was always in the water close to their home. During the summer, he would go out and shoot a moose or a caribou to provide meat. Blueberries were plentiful; they picked and sold them and thus made more money.

Enjoying good health, there never appeared on the shores of Rainy Lake a happier couple than Johnny and Lucy Meisiwekijik. Once a month, they would paddle to the mission, to assist at mass and receive Holy Communion. Knowing that her husband was a convert, and that he did not know so much about practical religion, she never missed her chance to bring him to the church.

Just one year after their marriage, another great event took place to brighten their young lives. A big baby boy, the picture of his father, was born to Lucy. She spared nothing to save the life of the little child; one of her first thoughts was to baptize him as soon as possible. She knew very well how necessary baptism was to save her babe and make him a child of God. The first chance they got, Johnny and Lucy paddled to the mission, to have him christened. They gave him the name of Paul.

M. Kalmes, O. M. I.

#### INDIAN WOMEN ORGANIZE CLUB

Another Homemakers' club among the Indian women has been organized as Muscowpetung reserve, near Cupar, it has been reported by Mrs. George S. Dodd, farm instructor's wife.

Mrs. Charlie Pratt was elected president; Mrs. Emil Dubois, vice-president and Miss Isabel Gambler, secretary-treasurer. Meetings will be held every two weeks, in the home of the members, alternating between the east and west ends of the reserve. In this way it is hoped to bring about a fairly complete enrolment of the women, both English-speaking and otherwise.

Projects were discussed at the organization meeting with special emphasis on home improvement and gardening. The band as a whole are interested in this work and prior to the New Year the band voted a grant of \$75 "for women's work" and an order for sewing material was sent in.

#### LESTOCK, SASK.

The principal event during this last month, here, was the foundation of a new Club or Association, for us boys. As the girls had their Congregation and we would not join in, we wished to have ours, too. Father Principal proposed us to call our new association: "Little Volunteers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus." It was accepted immediately and unanimously.

So on February 27th, we had our first meeting to elect our officers. The President elected was, Ben. Nipi; Vice-Pres., Thos. Dusty Horn; Secretary and Treasurer, Aug. Flatfoot, and the two Counsellors, Michael Laplante and Daniel Ceepeecous.

Then on March 3rd, we had our beautiful and solemn reception. After breakfast we all had the favor of having a sleigh ride and going to town, for the mail.

Our Motto is: Have Good Will, in our sports, in our class and in all our undertakings.

At the end of each month, we decided to have a little improvised concert organized by the little Volunteers, under the direction of our devoted Supervisor, M. Louis Privee.

Next time we would have a report of our first try.  
Aug. Flatfoot, Secr., Gr. VII.

## LEBRET, SASK.

### Father Principal's Arrival.

Rev. Fr. Principal, with his brother, Rev. Fr. Guy, left our mission on January 6th, for France to visit their father who was dangerously ill. Our best wishes and prayers accompanied our two kind fathers on this sad but consoling trip.

On March 22, Fr. Laviolette received a telegram from Fr. Principal announcing his arrival for the next day. Imagine the excitement which increased as the happy moment drew nearer. On Thursday, March 23, staff and pupils all lined up in the main hall to welcome our Father Principal. Shouts of joy and welcome resounded through the hall the moment he appeared.

The next day, we had a little reception. The Intermediate girls in a short but interesting skit entitled "Welcome Home" proved their joy. It wound up in an address by one of the group and a presentation by a little tot, of a beautiful bouquet of natural flowers, a gift of Dr. and Mrs. Simes.

The School Fair by the Senior Boys and Girls was a presentation of the work done during the absence of our dear Father Principal. There was a dispute as to who had accomplished the most during the two months Father was away. Four tables were arranged with work done by some of the smaller boys, under the direction of Mr. Lajeunesse, as well as different kinds of work done by the girls. Some Senior boys came in and objected to this display. One said that although he had no manual labor to show, his hair was gray from his application to study, while another pleaded the strenuous and daily practice of music. The Band boys were willing to be put to a test. This dispute was happily ended by the appearance of 15 maids with all kinds of appetizing dishes, from buns to delicious fudge. At last, all agreed that if their training was to be a success, work, no matter what kind, must be held in esteem. The School Fair was brought to an end by a welcome song in four parts, ably directed by Victor McKay.

Elizabeth Bellegarde, Gr. XI.

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### Reception of Intermediate Girls into the Society of the Guardian Angels.

On the 7th of March, thirty-one girls were received Guardian Angels. The reception took place in the afternoon.

We marched in two's to the chapel wearing our veils and crowns. We took the places assigned to us in the front pews and piously sang the hymn, "O God! How ought my grateful heart."

Father Piche gave a very appropriate sermon, telling us in particular how bright and beautiful the Angels were, and how promptly they fulfilled the will of God.

We all went to the altar rail to receive our green silk ribbons. How shiny they were! How happy we felt! I'm afraid I was a little excited.

The President is Stella Lavallee and her Assistant, Sarah Henry. We said our act of Consecration with all our hearts. Our Guardian Angels must have been pleased. Our good teachers had prepared a lunch for us. Fathers Piche and Laviolette were our guests.

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### St. Patrick.

On the eve of St. Patrick's feast, all the Fathers, Sisters and children assembled in our concert hall, for a little entertainment given by the Senior and Intermediate Girls, in honor of Sr. McQuillan, who is of Irish descent. The boys also took part by playing Band selections throughout the program.

Towards the end of the concert, the Intermediate Girls sang a song composed and taught them by their teacher, Sr. Boulet, for Sr. Gilbert who is also Irish. Though she helped prepare this concert, Sr. Gilbert knew nothing of this. We all enjoyed her surprise, and afterwards, her pupils presented her with a box of chocolates.

When all was over, Sr. Superior passed candy to all the children. Lunch was served to close a very enjoyable evening.

Mary Adhemar and Ella Rope, Gr. VII.

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### Black Hawks vs Mohawks.

During the dying days of winter, the Lebret Black Hawks challenged the Indian School Mohawks to a series of Hockey games to determine the Champions of Lebret for the season. The first battle of the best of three series resulted in a 7 all overtime tie. The second game gave the boys a one-game advantage, and bigger hopes. After nine minutes of overtime, McKay took P. Goodwill's pass from behind the goal and banged it in to win the game, 7 to 6. The third game was the most interesting. The boys wanted to win the title while the Lebret boys wanted to tie the series. E. Lafleur of the Black Hawks was the outstanding player of the game, showing a great fighting spirit, of which his team mates lacked. Scott, their rookie goaler, also showed great form. However, they were trounced by the hard fighting Mohawks, to the score of 6 to 3. This makes the Mohawks worthy champions, after three very friendly battles.

V. McKay and G. McLeod.

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In preparation for the First Communion, little Alma Dumont appeared before Fr. Piche, the Examiner. "How many Gods are there?" she was asked. One, she answered. — Are you sure? — Yes, Father. — Well, well, we have the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; that makes three. — There is but one, she insisted. — Let me see, said the Father, as he looked in his book. You're right, there is but one.

Back to her classroom, she said to her teacher: "I know my catechism, because I stuck Fr. Piche. He had to look in his book to make sure that there was but one God."



## ST. PHILIPS, SASK.

### My Chickens.

I liked the March Editorial on "Vocational Training" because that is just what I am doing . . . making a specialty of chickens, only it is not our farmer who sees to my training as he has too many other things to do. I am glad to be Sister's helper, her little "care-taker of the chicken coop". All this year I have been in full charge and I like the work very much, especially since Father Principal had Mr. Barton close off a warm, sunny part of the coop for my hen's winter quarters. It is easier now to keep all clean, and I do keep things clean and comfortable. Once in the winter I was sick for a few days and the hens stopped laying! Everyone said they were lonely. Anyway, I asked Father for wheat and set to work again and my hens soon paid up. We have only 88 hens and we are getting about 50 eggs daily. I always like bringing in the eggs and Sister is always waiting for me to tell the number as she keeps records, and this year is the best.

Now I must tell you how my father found out about my "Vocational Training" and how glad he was. One day as I went to the coop with a pail of warm water and a good fish-bone mash for my hens, two small boys offered to help me and I let them help a little. But when we got to the coop I locked the door inside as I knew it was better the little ones stay out. I guess they did not like this so tried to get even by playing a trick on me. When I wished to clean the water container I found I could not get out. Well, I had to stay in! But it happened that my father who brings the school's water supply in a big tank, many times a day, had just come and the class bell was ringing too. Our two little mischiefs told him very seriously that I was locked in the coop and could not get out to come to class. My father ran to open the door, and how surprised he was to hear that our two babies were the mischief makers. He laughed at their cunning but was glad he had come in time for I could have taken cold. Then I showed my father my hens and their enclosed nests. He was very glad to see how I knew all about my work and right away he told Father Principal how glad he was. He will buy some good hens for me to keep at home and we will sell eggs.

Last year I just helped a little, this year Sister will teach me how to care for the setting hens and the tiny chicks. Already some hens tried to stay on their nests, but we knew cold days would come again so we chased them off; but now it is spring and we shall let them do as they wish. And soon, too, all my hens will be outside and I shall have less to do in the coop; but I hope Sister will take me again for her flower garden helper. Last year I learned how to sow different kinds of seeds, to transplant the tiny seedlings, care for them and re-transplant them when bigger. The best was when I could at last plant them in the flower beds. Then until school closed I watered and weeded them and watched them grow. I will know how to help my parents at home.

Ambrose Musqua, Gr. V.

### School Notes.

What a transformation! The old engine room, so dark with smoke and oil that it resembled a blacksmith's shop, is now so well scrubbed and painted white, it could be used for a kitchen. The boys' skill did this and we are going to use it for the milk department.

Gaspard Caldwell, one of the first pupils to enter this School, who has been away for five

years just visited us, accompanied by his young wife and his sister Olive, another former pupil.

The best conduct prizes for February were awarded to Dolphus Musqua, Joseph Severite, Evelyn Caldwell and Elizabeth Wapash.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Quewezance, Nov. 22, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. John Wapash, Jan. 9, a girl.

Rev. Father Bousquet visited his Valley River Mission on March 12 and baptized a child of Joseph Mindock and a child of Albert Ironstand.

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## KENORA, ONTARIO

### Father Provincial's Visit.

Rev. Fr. Lamontagne, Provincial of the Oblate Fathers, was warmly welcomed at our school on March 7th. A little entertainment had been prepared for him, but he could not attend because he was in a hurry. We were very disappointed because all our preparations turned to naught. But we took a good recess out of his visit. Nevertheless, we had the pleasure of greeting him, when he was going to the Sisters' community hall. He told us to be very obedient, and asked us to pray for him. We hope to have him stay longer the next time he comes.

Marha Bluebird, Gr. VII.

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### Our Inspector.

Early one morning, Fr. Principal went to town to meet Mr. Greening, our School Inspector. He visited every room, listened to us read, sing and do other things. In our classroom, he inspected our seat-work, and read our School Diary, which our teacher had passed to him. He was interested in this because he inquired about the pupils mentioned in it. He found that we had made considerable progress and seemed satisfied with his visit.

Frederick Skeid, Gr. VI.

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One day, Mary was ironing clothes, when she came across a large handkerchief with a stiff edge. Looking at the mark she saw it was Fr. Dumouchel's. At once she was reminded of the trick of the mysterious match. The first thing she did was to tell Sister. That night, the girls invited Fr. Dumouchel to their hall. When he arrived, Father received an extraordinary welcome in the room. He wanted to know the secret of which so little had been said. But he had to do some tricks before. So out came the big handkerchief, and Father performed his trick. But Mary could also do the trick, and while Father was looking very closely, he discovered that she was using his own handkerchief. Mary was surely glad of her afternoon's work.

Mary Rose Seymour, Gr. V.

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We made a nice decoration to Saint Joseph, to whom we are praying fervently to obtain some money to enlarge our school, at least the Chapel. It is very small, and every morning some of us have to hear mass from the classroom. Our teacher has invited us to pay lamps for him. They burn in our classroom at the foot of his statue. Instead of buying candy, as we did before Lent, we buy a little lamp. Since the beginning of March, St. Joseph has had a light burning at his feet, and we still have money for a few more. We hope to keep this up till the last day of school.

Lillian Nabish, Gr. IV.

## FORT ALEXANDER, MAN.

"Bingo"! What a name! What a game! But for the sake of those who may still ignore the meaning of this magic word . . . "Bingo" . . . may I explain it briefly.

First you must know that . . . "Bingo" . . . is a game. Who could have guessed? "Bingo" a game! Yes and how interesting, too! But I see that some remain skeptic to my assertion. Therefore I say to these: ask the pupils of Fort Alexander School, and they will answer: "It is a grand game." Now that you are convinced, I proceed with the explanation. Each player has a little card on top of which is written, in large black letters the magic word . . . BINGO . . . Under each letter is a column of numbers making therefore five rows of mixed numbers. A person in the hall has a box of numbers beside which is printed a letter of the word . . . BINGO . . . This person picks indifferently one of these numbers and reads it aloud with the letter, then places it on a numbered sheet in front of him. The players in the hall who had on their card the number called out, puts on it a button. The one lucky enough to be the first to have the numbers of this card all covered, shouts . . . "BINGO" . . . The face of the happy winner radiates with joy, because a prize he will receive!! But the faces of the losers are sad . . . even when the magic . . . BINGO . . . was exclaimed . . . some . . . AH! and HO! of disappointment are heard through the hall! and then remarks follow: I needed only one more number, two, three, but I am out of luck! Then the card of the winner is verified, and a prize given him (or her).

But you may ask why say so much of this game of . . . BINGO . . . ? My intention was to tell you that we have played . . . "BINGO" . . . at Fort Alexander School. But why? Here is my answer. The girls and boys who behave well, or had good notes for their conduct, have a reward, that is, the opportunity to gather in the hall, all together, girls and boys, in a family way, to play the most famous and wide world known game . . . "BINGO" . . . Nice prizes were given to the winners. And how they have enjoyed their evening! So much so that many, I am sure, have taken the resolution to do their utmost to deserve again such a reward. After the game we had lunch, then other games followed.

On the 17th of February, after Mass, the Reverend Fathers renewed their vows. The pupils of the school had . . . a holiday . . . In the evening another game of . . . "BINGO" . . . after which, boys of all sizes "boxed", showing thus their ability and skill to protect their — "nose" — and "eyes". — They were so successful, that none had a black eye. After the lunch, all went to bed very glad of their pleasant evening.

To reward the pupils of the school for their good conduct and their excellent class work, the Principal, guided by his kindness and good heart, finds always something new in due time. Thus under the direction of R. F. Principal, the girls went twice for a walk in the bush. It was a real picnic! Men have done much work cutting wood, thus extending the acreage of farming land. This was something new to see. Going and coming there was much fun running and playing in deep snow! This wood, cut in logs in the bush, was brought near the school, where it was cut in cord wood, with the help of the bigger boys. This deserved a reward and they had it. Thus each of them can show to the others their nice watch. Now they have no excuse if they are late to their work.

This, to show you how the pupils of Fort Alexander School receive rewards for their good behavior and good work, in class or elsewhere. Much more could be said but this is sufficient. From now on all the pupils will work with all their might to fulfill well their duty, naturally they not only do so to receive a little reward, but to please God and to rereceive, later on, the eternal reward.

We had lately the visit of the Rev. Fr. L. Pealapra, O.M.I. He passed a few days amongst us.

Mary and Florence Prince went with R. F. F. Lemire, O.M.I., to the Reserve of Scanturberry, to pay a visit to their mother who had been very sick.

## FORT FRANCES

The year 1939 has found the people of our parish almost in general good health and willing to meet the expenses of the church. On the 29th of January we had one of the first gatherings of the year: a basket social, the proceeds of which amounted to \$67.06. This money will be used to purchase wood for the church.

Our Pastor has appointed the second and fourth Sundays of each month for the meetings of the church wardens and the Ladies of the Altar in order to discuss the means to keep the church going with wood and other necessities. Some men of the parish are willing to donate wood to the church. Others will sell it.

A beautiful statue of St. Joseph has been bought by the people, but it is not yet installed in the church. The shelf has yet to be made. Then our Pastor will bless it and place it in the church where the people may see it and pray to Saint Joseph for the grace of being good Christians.

Mrs. Thomas Jourdain,  
President of the Ladies of the Altar.

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### Reserve News.

Working conditions have been very unpleasant this last month, owing to the great amount of snow. The men have to wade in three feet of snow in the bush in order to make a living and provide for their families.

Mrs. Andrew Laramee lies seriously ill at the home of her mother. There has not yet been much sickness on the reserve and we hope sickness will keep away for the balance of the winter.

One of the oldest men of the reserve, Kewaketoos (Augustin McGinnis) passed away on the 27th of January. Old age and illness had for a long time reduced him to a state of impotence. His death came rather unexpectedly but he had received the sacraments not long before and the priest's visit had brought him a blessing from God a few days before his death.

Hector Mainville, Chief.

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### School News.

The new pews for the chapel are almost finished. Part of a separation wall which uselessly occupied space and obstructed the view of the worshippers has also been thrown down, thus making the chapel appear larger and brighter. The skilful carpenter who has made the pews is Mr. Tom Linklater, an Indian of the reserve. He was assisted by Mr. Joseph Lambert, and by some of the school boys who have spent many an hour on the sandpaper job. We sure would be proud to have some of the boys become as skilful carpenters as Tom!

H. F.



### Club News.

On the 5th of March a good number of men and women assembled in the church hall in answer to an invitation of the Knights. The purpose of the meeting was to explain to all the true nature and aim of our local Knights of Columbus and to clear up in an open and friendly way the misunderstandings which had arisen concerning the Club. All present were free to ask questions and to present objections. Speeches were delivered by R. F. Chatelain, R. F. Fry, Thomas Jourdain, Thomas Jourdain, Chief Hector Mainville, E. Bruyere, Maurice Bruyere, Alfred Morris, Eddy Bruyere, Fred Mainville and Thomas Klater. Many of the speakers were church members or Knights. R. F. Chatelain insisted that objections be presented as the meeting had been called expressly for that purpose. Mr. Alfred Bruyere, chairman of the meeting, made a speech and urged new members to join the Club. He felt that this meeting has not been useless and that it will serve the purpose of fostering friendships of good will between the members of the church.

A substantial lunch was served after the meeting. In this regard, we wish to thank the ladies in a very special manner for having contributed so generously and of their own accord.

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### MARIEVAL, SASK.

Silence is gold, we are often told—would this being enough to excuse us? . . . We hope so and bring no other reason for having delayed a month before reaching all our friends, the Missionary Record Readers.

We wish to thank in a special manner our unknown friends from Crowfoot School, who are so faithful in sending us their most interesting journal. Yes indeed, it is a real delight for us to hear Sister read the different articles it contains; we seem to follow the pupils at their work and games, so vividly given is every item.

Seniors.

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### Aiming at Something Great.

The 17th of February was a great day indeed at Marieval. In our Mission for nearly 40 years, we do celebrate the good Oblate Fathers on that day . . . But say, this year . . . oh must I reveal our secret? . . . Yes, believe us it has been a great day. In the afternoon, 18 girls were admitted Crusaders of Mary and received each a badge. After Benediction Rev. Father had his picture taken with us inside the church, where there was a beautiful decoration put up. Oh, but the fun was just about to begin. In the evening next to the concert we had our first meeting for the election of our President and Counsellors. What a great surprise awaited us. It is time to tell you. First we all sang before Our Lady's Shrine, then Father gave us instructions about voting and the aim all good Crusaders should keep in mind. It went on very seriously for a while, and all was done very consciously. The elected members were Ethel-May Rainville as Secretary, Louise Sparvier as 1st Assistant, Emma Redwood as 2nd Assistant and Alma Acoose as President. Then we had to follow Rev. Sister Superior who let us through our dining-room straight to the kitchen stove wherein all our ballots were burned in front of us; next she led us in our own playroom, and there what did we see? . . . A table already set for us to have a Lunch while all the other children were in bed. On the

written on "All for Jesus through Mary." We enjoyed our evening party very much; we will never forget our admission as members of Mary's Children. We shall also from now on endeavor to live up as real Crusaders, spreading good among our schoolmates, and later among our own friends and relatives.

Alma Acoose, Pres.

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The children from Sakimay Reserve are overjoyed when they see Rev. Fr. Poulin around for he takes them along with him on his Mission trip. Last month we had Mass at Mr. Paul Acoose's place; after Mass Fr. told us we could have dinner at our home. We were all very thankful.

Ethel-May Rainville, M.M.C.

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One of our classmates has been discharged last month: George Redwood was 16 years of age and he used to wear his good-natured coat at all times; so, when he left Father knew how to repay him in giving him a special present. It pays to be good and the hope of a reward sweetens the labor.

By a classmate.

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### School Activities.

Leagues of the Children of Mary and Sacred Heart Crusaders have been formed for Girls and Boys. It must be noted that in both cases Juniors came forward in great number and to them we wish to extend hearty congratulations. Ceremonies were held in the Parish Church in presence of the School Staff and parents of the Leaguers. Members of the Children of Mary received the Medal of the Blessed Virgin and the Sacred Heart Leaguers the Badge of the Sacred Heart. After the ceremony a banquet and social evening was given to each group with Father Principal as host.

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### Young People's Athletic Club.

The Young People's Athletic Club is a recently formed organization for the Young Boys of the Reserve. Through the kindness of Father Principal who gave them access to the grounds and the School recreation hall, every Wednesday and Sunday afternoon the Young People came to play hockey against the boys or enjoy themselves playing pool. They have shown their appreciation by being always true sports and ever courteous with all members of the School. Their good spirit has also been shown by the fact that when Benediction time came all took off their skates and came to church. With this in mind we cannot help but inviting them to come back again when the weather permits and make the ball season which is now near at hand, a pleasant and successful one for themselves. Their activities have not been restrained only to outdoor sports, Easter will see them display their talents as Actors, and to help them, we ask that all parents and friends come in large numbers to make it a real success. The money raised will be used as funds to buy ball equipment for their team.

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### School Sports.

Hockey has been the vogue for the past months and quite a Hockey team we have here at School. For the benefit of those who have not as yet made acquaintance with our players we now present them to you: Willie A. Kakakeway in goal, hails from Moose Mountain; he has played a good game in the nets and only hard luck has robbed him of several shutouts. George Acoose, bruising defenceman, makes his home at Goose Lake; learnt to skate on the duck pond behind his home. Frank

Lerat who flanks him on the left, has a good shot and is a shifty player, chuckles to himself when the word through is mentioned to him; it is understood that he made his debut on such ice a few years back. George Agecoutay, fast skater and centre man, lives but a stone's throw from the school, when but four years old used to pass sleepless nights wondering why the school boys chased each other over the ice; he has now found out and enjoys it to the utmost. Robert Redwood, right wing, has learned that a puck is something else than a lump over the eye after a fistcuff. George Redwood who has now left us, right wing second line, has a good finish around the net, had much to do with brother Robert's mix up of pucks. Earl Kakakeway promises much for the future, is still wondering why the little black disc goes past brother Willie. Leonard Tanner who always tries, just learned that a left stick is something else than the one that was left in town. Louis Lavallee who can stop pucks as well as shoot them, still cannot figure out that while it is the ambition of both clubs to put the rubber in the twine, both sides take all precautions to see that it does not get there. And there you are, time marches on, the winter sport cycle is over, now on to baseball.

And now before leaving, the Hockey Club wish to thank our good Father Principal, Rev. Father de Varennes, for all that he has done for us this winter, such as giving us the horses to travel to and from Grayson for our hockey games. To the ever kind Sisters of the School, who with the help of the girls have made our hockey equipment and served lunches after the games, a heartfelt thank you! And to you all our supporters on the reserve, we will be seeing you again next year with your cheers which you may be sure always help.

## OUR LADY OF MISSIONS

During the month of May, the Blessed Virgin is honored and invoked in a special manner in all parts of the world. Of course, the most popular and most perfect devotion is the saying of the Rosary. The "Hail Mary" which was brought from Heaven by the Angel Gabriel and the "Our Father" which was taught us by our Lord, are such beautiful prayers that we can repeat them over and over again without being tired. They are still more beautiful, however, when we say them according to the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. These mysteries of the life of Our Lord and of His Blessed Mother help us to pray better because they help us to know and love better Jesus and Mary.

But these mysteries are like diamonds whose value is not fully realized until each of their brilliant rays has been studied in detail. The great difference between the mysteries of the Rosary and ordinary diamonds is that the rays of light from the mysteries are heavenly while the diamond rays are earthly. But just as the same colors are found in all diamonds so in each mystery the same beautiful thoughts are found repeated in a slightly different way. Amongst the thoughts which may be found in every mystery of the Rosary, there is one which is very encouraging to missionaries, to the children in our schools who pray for the missionaries and to the parents of our children who by their good example help the missionary. This thought is expressed in a title, the Blessed Virgin in each mystery of her life is "Our Lady of Missions."

The Immaculate Conception is one of the greatest joys of the Missions for it makes of the Blessed Virgin the triumphant enemy of original

sin. Through her powerful influence the poor creatures whom the devil has chained in original sin are freed from their slavery and become children of God. As Mother of Jesus, our Redeemer, the Blessed Virgin is also mother of all mankind whom our Lord has come to redeem. It is her motherly duty and joy to draw her spiritual children from the darkness of paganism to the light and truth of Jesus and His Church. When the Blessed Virgin went to visit St. Elizabeth to sanctify St. Jean Baptist, she sang a prophecy which contains a special promise of her help in the conversion of pagans: "Behold from henceforth all nations shall call me blessed." Only when the Gospel of Christ has been preached to every creature will this prophecy be true. The shepherds and Wise Men who came seeking Jesus found Him



with Mary. So today, the pagans who are seeking Jesus must find Him. At the Presentation, Mary offers Jesus to God and at the same time all the members of His Mystical Body, all of us who are baptized. How greatly she desires that the pagans too might become one with Christ by Baptism. She is ever seeking to lead them to Jesus in the Temple just as she herself found Him there after a material separation.

The other mysteries of the Blessed Virgin also reveal her right to the title, "Our Lady of Missions." She suffered with Jesus for the salvation of the world. She was the source of strength and light to the Apostles in their retreat in preparation for the coming of the Holy Ghost. Over her head, the fiery tongues, signs of the Holy Ghost, hung before separating above the heads of the Apostles, sending them forth to preach the Gospel. And now, in Heaven, the Queen of Apostles watches with loving care over the missionaries and their faithful helpers, successors of the Apostles.

Always and especially during the month of May, everyone, even the smallest child can say to himself: "This is the Month of my mother in Heaven. In order to please her, I will recite the Rosary. In each mystery, I will remember that she is "Our Lady of Missions." I will ask her to open the eyes of my pagan relatives and friends, to lead them to Jesus and His Church, to make them children of God and heirs to the kingdom of Heaven."